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General

This paper responds to a Final Office Action issued on June 5, 2003. A payment of \$210 for an extension of two months accompanies this paper. This Response and Amendment reflects the outcome of a conference held between Applicant, Applicant's attorney, Examiner, and Examiner's supervisor. Applicant and his attorney wishes to thank both Examiners for their time and comments during the interview. An Interview Summary is submitted with this Amendment and Response.

Additionally a payment of \$18.00 is included herein as payment for additional claims and is reflected in the attached Patent Application Fee Determination Record. Therefore a credit card Payment form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$228 is included with this Amendment and Response which includes the \$210 extension of time fee and the \$18 additional claim fee.

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Status as of the Mailing of the Office Action

Claims 1-4, 6-20, and 23-28 were pending before the Office Action.

Claims 26-28 were allowed.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 12, 14-20, and 23-25 were rejected

. Claims 9-11 and 13 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Status after the Conference

After the discussion as described in the Interview Summary prepared by Examiner Saras, consensus was reached that then pending claim 3 appears to be allowable over the art of record and the concept in claim 18 appears to be allowable over the art of record though it needs to be amended into independent form. A draft of new claim 30 also appeared to be allowable over the art of record. It is understood that all changes and amendments will be subject to further search and consideration. This response and amendment uses the consensus reached at that conference to provide a complete set of claims to appropriately describe and claim the inventive aspects of the present invention.

Amendments to the Specification: none.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings none

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.